



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

February 16, 2011

2011 Council Members

Magisterial Representatives:

Marcia M. Pape Daniels
Braddock District

Michael D. Champness
Dranesville District

Harold Leff, Chairman
Hunter Mill District

Michael L. Rodgers
Lee District

Barbara R. Lowrey
Mason District

Jonathan Willmott
Mount Vernon District

Stephen McLaughlin
Secretary
Providence District

Michael Thompson, Jr.
Springfield District

David L. Lacey
Sully District

Clement Chan
Diversity-At-Large

Elmer Arias
Member-At-Large

Town Representatives:

Jeffrey E. Stein
Town of Clifton

Gerald W. Carter
Town of Herndon

Sam Althoff
Town of Vienna

Sports-Specific Representatives:

Rob Hahne
Baseball Council

William Minto
Fast Pitch Softball Council

Carl A. S. Coan, III
Adult Softball Council

E. J. Thomas
Basketball Council

Mark Meana, Vice Chairman
Football Council

Bret Bailey
Lacrosse Council

Lula Bauer
Soccer Council

Jill Fitzgerald
Volleyball Council

Jenni Cantwell
Women's Sports

Non-Voting Members:

Tod Johnson
Park Authority

Bill Curran
School Board

Executive Agency:

Christopher Leonard
Director
*Neighborhood and Community
Services*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcia Pape Daniels, Braddock District
Tonya A. McCreary, Braddock District Alternate
Greg Beckwith, Dranesville District Alternate
Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District
James Elder, Hunter Mill District Alternate
Michael Rodgers, Lee District
Barbara Lowrey, Mason District
Jonathan Willmott, Mount Vernon District
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District
Michael Thompson Jr., Springfield District
David Lacey, Sully District
Clement Chan, Diversity-at-Large
Eric T. Sohn, Diversity-at-Large Alternate
Elmer Arias, Member-at-Large
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna
Rob Hahne, Baseball Council
William Minto, Fast-Pitch Softball Council
Mark Meana, Football Council
Lula Bauer, Soccer Council
Frank McDonough, Volleyball Council Alternate
Jenni Cantwell, Women's Sports Programs

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Todd Johnson, Fairfax County Park Authority
Karen Avvisato, Neighborhood and Community Services
Paul Jansen, Neighborhood and Community Services
Steve Groff, Neighborhood and Community Services

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeffrey Stein, Town of Clifton
Gerald W. Carter, Town of Herndon
Michael Champness, Dranesville District
E.J. Thomas, Basketball Council
Bret Bailey, Lacrosse Council
Carl Coan, Slow Pitch Softball Council
Jill Fitzgerald, Volleyball Council

GUESTS:

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MEETING OPENING

Mr. Leff called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL

None.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The January 16, 2011 minutes were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Leff reported that the 2011 Standing Committees have been formed. He also mentioned that Mr. Hahne has donated new shirts with an FCAC logo to the council members.

Mr. Meana has invited all Athletic Council Members to the Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame Banquet on Sunday, March 6. Please contact Mr. Meana if you plan to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Turf Field Committee:

Ms. Avvisato reported that NCS received three applications for mini-grants:

- McLean Youth Soccer Association (MYS) for Spring Hill # 7
- Great Falls Lacrosse Association (GFLA) for Leo Santaballa
- Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) for Chantilly High School stadium field

The following scoring criteria was applied by the committee: Need (50 points max.) – Amenities (20 points max.) - Community use (30 points max.)

The committee moved "that NCS would offer full funding of \$150,000 to MYS and Great Falls LAX, give CYA two weeks to return a proper application performed with the requirements for the mini-grant." The motion was approved with two members opposed.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNING BODIES

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools:

No reports

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority:

Mr. Johnson reported that the Park authority was asked for three presentations:

- Sponsorship/Naming rights: Plan will be presented to the Executive committee for implementation and to the Council by May or June.
- Sustainable financial model: Plan will be presented to the Board in May and to the Council in June or July.
- Tyson's Corner area updates: Reports should be presented annually or sooner if there are significant changes/matters.

Synthetic turf field update:

The proffered field at Kay Jennings will not be open until at least the 2012 calendar year.

Walk-on-Use update:

A letter from FCPA to NCS on walk-on-use will be disseminated and a public comment will be processed in the summer. There was much discussion regarding why the letter from Mr. Bouie regarding the walk-on program did not match the positive meeting that NCS had with the Park Authority Board. Council members asked Mr. Leonard to check with the Park Authority to find out why there was a difference.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the appalling nature of the Park Authority proposal as outlined in the letter and their lack of understanding of the problem. The FCPA appears to be requesting additional "data" and a survey of walk-on users. The understanding of Athletic Council members present at the FCPA meeting was that there would be a public hearing on the walk-on use and the impact of the proposal to reduce the limit from 40 to 20 participants.

Mr. Arias spoke about possible ways to reach out to the Latino community regarding walk on groups.

Information - Neighborhood and Community Services:

Mr. Leonard reported that the proposed NCS budget was released on Tuesday, February 23, 2011. He will send out athletic related issues to the Athletic Council next week. He stated that an estimated \$1.2 Million per year to replace turf field inventory has been mentioned for the next twelve years.

NEW BUSINESS

Information – Changing key system at high schools:

There was a proposal for key systems change to access the fields at high schools. The user groups will receive only one key with no duplication allowable. This matter will be discussed with Mr. Curran at the next Athletic Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Information – Concussions Management:

Mr. John Almquist, Administrator for Athletic Trainers in Fairfax County presented an overview of concussion symptoms, research and developments.

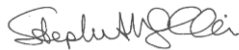
Information – Walk-on-use Policy:

Ms. Bauer raised her concerns on how the issue in 2004 is mirroring in 2011, when the FCPA was contradicting with the walk-on-use issue and did not considerate the impact that users are feeling when confronting walk-ons.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully,



Stephen McLaughlin
Secretary